



**Electric Board
Approved MINUTES**

**BOARD MEETING
June 20, 2018**

The Electric Board convened in a Board Meeting on June 20, 2018 at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, Room 325, Austin, Texas.

Board Chair Pomikahl called the Board Meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Randy Pomikahl, David Johnson, Gabriel Flores, Delwin Goss, Robert Bowne and Mark Weaver.

Members Not in Attendance: Jacob Pereira, Matthew Friestman, David Dixon, Michael Portnoy and Robert Schmidt

Staff in Attendance: Richard Anderson (DSD), Rick Arzola (DSD), Carl Thompson (DSD), Alan Anders (DSD) and Rodney Gonzales (DSD)

1. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** David Glenn with the Home Builders Association, Daniel McReynolds and Julius Heslop with Austin Energy.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the May 16, 2018 meeting was approved. Board member Bob Bowne made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Board member Goss seconded, and the motion passed 6-0
3. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - a. **Review Final Draft Ordinance:** Board would like the proposed ordinance in the Building Criteria Manual and board has made a motion to approve with spell check in context. Vice Chair Johnson makes a motion, board member Bowne seconded. Motion passes 6-0.
 - b. **Report from the Work Group:** Work group gathered for solutions and proposed changes to the Building Criteria Manual for assistance in more timely electrical inspections. Work group created the requirements for residential electrical inspector and redefined the electrical inspector as a commercial electrical inspector and deleted the two year requirement for master license. Both have to be certified by ICC or IA EI within one year of employment. Vice Chair Johnson made the motion to approve as written and presented by staff, board member Bowne seconded. Motion pass 6-0
 - c. **Report from TDLR on Licensing – Annual Permit Program:** Richard Anderson is in contact with TDLR David Gonzales. Waiting on his response. Needing legal interpretation.
 - d. **Austin Energy Criteria Manual-** Daniel McReynolds and Julius Heslop with Austin Energy presented a brief update of changes to the Austin Energy Criteria Manual. Current possible changes include that spotters will be out within 2 days to do spot check after a permit is issued. No hard copies of the manual will be available, only online. And the proposed changes to the Criteria Manual are not available online as of now. . More changes to come.
 - e. **Budget Update:** Director Rodney Gonzales presented to board an overview on historical trends and influential factors, current organizational resources and the 2018/2019 Budget proposal. Currently inspections have seen a significant rise from 237K inspections in FY 2014 to 300K in 2017. Austin population is forecasted in growth at an annual 3% thru 2025

and continued through 2045. People need to place live and people need office space to work based upon these figures. Based upon these figures, DSD currently has 362 FTE, 51 Temps and 518K in budgeted overtime. Richard Anderson explains to the board that he has exhausted the overtime pay that was budgeted for inspections and currently pulling funds from other resources to keep up with the demand of inspections. DSD is requesting 14 new inspectors for the inspection department and 7 of them are designated for electrical inspection. Vice Chair Johnson made a motion to send recommendation to council, that based on recent reports and information gathered by staff and media, board is recommending 7 new electrical FTE position for consideration in the next fiscal year. Board member Goss Seconded. Motion pass 6-0

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. TDLR license exemption- Report from David Gonzales
- b. Austin Energy Criteria
- c. Attendance Report from clerk office- follow up.
- d. Follow up on BCM changes; Electrical Registration

6. ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pomikahl and second by Goss for a 6-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.